

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7032

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the congregation of Real Life Ministries Church upon their third anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Real Life Ministries Church is one such estimable institution, shining as a ray of hope in the Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Real Life Ministries celebrated the church's third anniversary on the first Sunday in January 2006; and

WHEREAS, the celebration was a time of reflecting on the past, giving thanks for the present, and joyfully looking forward to a future filled with spiritual enrichment; and

WHEREAS, completely devoted to God and His mission, the church's two-fold focus is to serve God and to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Real Life Ministries has flourished under the able guidance of Pastor Greene who was installed and consecrated on the fourth Sunday of January 2003; and

WHEREAS, continuing to make an overwhelmingly positive impact on its community and this State, Real Life Ministries has established many different service programs by providing clothing for the Med's Newborn Clothes Closet, sponsoring a missionary in Jamaica, contributing financially to community agencies, supplying food baskets for the underprivileged in the north Memphis area, and sponsoring a family that was left homeless in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, the church's members have long made prominent contributions to the civic, educational, and social fabric of Tennessee, as evidenced by the church's active outreach programs, which include Educator's Day and Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Real Life Ministries honors and recognizes all employees from area school systems for their tireless commitment to teaching our Nation's youth on Educator's Day; the church also honors and recognizes African Americans who have made significant contributions to the community during Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, the Real Life Ministries Church is among those exemplary institutions upon which a just and orderly society is based; it is a safe haven for our citizens to worship their Creator as a community of faith from which they reach out to the secular community as a response to God's saving grace; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body wishes to grasp this golden opportunity to honor and recognize the members of the Real Life Ministries Church for their faith in God and their commitment and service to the good people of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join in celebrating the third anniversary of the Real Life Ministries Church, thank Pastor Greene and the good people of this congregation for their notable service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.